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Have Dinners  
on Fire

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Dedication  
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## CHANGE FIELDHOUSE DEDICATION DATE

### THREE UNITS PLAN TO HOLD DINNERS SOON

COOK COUNTY CHAPTER  
WILL FETE STUDENTS  
JAN. 2 AT SHERMAN

Three chapters—Cook County, St. Joe Valley, and Calumet—are cooking up dinners for the near future.

The Chicagoans are the only ones who have, so far, set a definite date. They plan to play hosts to the sixty Cook County students who are now enrolled at St. Joseph's.

The dinner will be held January 2, in the Hotel Sherman. F. C. Quirk, '21-'23, promises to have a program made up of celebrities.

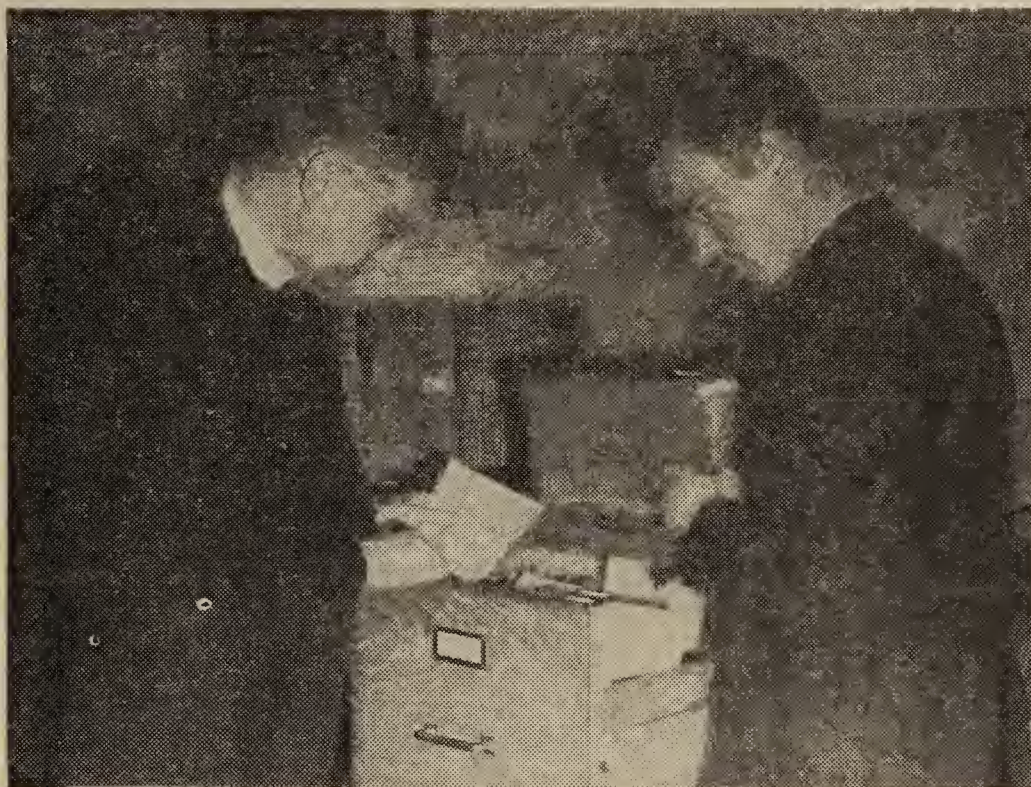
"We entertain the students each Christmas vacation; so that they will get to know us before they leave St. Joe," explained Mr. Quirk. "We feel that in this way they will fit into our chapter immediately after graduation."

One hundred and fifteen persons attended the dinner last year. Principal speakers were the Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Marling, provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood; Leo Fischer, sports writer for the Chicago Herald-American; and Jack Elder, former football star.

The St. Joe Valley Chapter, with headquarters in South Bend and Mishawaka, will invite not only alumni, but about twenty-five prominent laymen from that area. Among the speakers will probably be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Monahan, Fort Wayne, and Coaches Elmer Layden and Joe Dienhart, according to Edmund A. Wills, '97-'03, president of the unit.

No date has yet been named for Calumet's annual dinner and election meeting, said Jack Jones, '00-'03, president.

### CHECKING THE ALUMNI FUND



The filing of fieldhouse pledge cards is done by the Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., president of St. Joseph's, and Edward Fischer, secretary-treasurer of the Alumni Association. Many Alumni, who are not in a position to give as much as they would like to give, may tend to feel embarrassed. Father Dirksen pointed out that this condition should not exist. He explained that only he and the secretary-treasurer ever see the cards before they are filed, and that no one, except the national officers, will ever have access to the file.

### Fieldhouse Bandwagon Rolls Past \$16,000 Mark On Jubilee Drive

The fieldhouse fund, in pledges and in cash, now stands at \$16,865, according to an announcement sent out from the office of the Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., college president.

This amount, Father Dirksen explained, is not exact, because most personal solicitors have not yet checked in the amounts they have gathered. The amount named, he said, is merely what has come in by mail to the alumni office.

The national officers, J. Henry Hipskind, president; the Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Kenkel, C.P.P.S., vice-president; Edward Fischer, secretary-treasurer, and Jerre Haugh and J. Gordon Hagstrom,

executive committeemen, met at the college, Sunday, November 24, for a further discussion on the drive.

The national officers decided that no definite date will be set for the close of the drive.

In spiking the rumor that some alumni hesitate to make a contribution, because they are not in a position to give as much as they would like to give, Father

### A. A. BOARD TO ARRANGE NEW PROGRAM

DELAY IN SHIPMENTS  
SLOWS CONSTRUCTION  
OF NEW BUILDING

#### BULLETIN

The fieldhouse will not be dedicated December 19, as was previously planned, it was decided by St. Joseph's Athletic Board.

Delay in material shipments has worked havoc with the construction schedule. Government orders have been getting preference in all shipments.

No new date has been set. Whether or not Loras College will be the guest team for the dedication has not been determined. It will all depend whether or not Loras has an open date in its schedule. The Athletic Board will iron out the program shortly.

### Dayton Unit Holds Annual Election

DAYTON.—A meeting to check-up on the drive, and to plan a turn-out for the St. Joe-University of Dayton game, December 14, was held, December 6, here.

Dayton alumni have decided to hold meetings monthly.

Officers recently elected were: President, Ralph J. Ryan, '16-'18; vice-president, Stephen Emmerick, '14-'17; secretary, Eugene H. Wabler, '25-'27; treasurer, Edward H. Bushman, '14-'16; chaplain, the Rev. William S. Staudt, '29-'33.

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## A Dream Comes True

The dreams that Bishop Dwenger dreamed half century ago are coming true today.

On a plot of land a mile south of Rensselaer, the Fort Wayne Bishop built air castles for an institution of higher learning. A paragraph from Father William Sullivan's history of St. Joseph's describes what the Bishop did to make his dreams come true.

"Father Henry Drees, Provincial of the Congregation, desired a separate institution for the Collegians, who were then making their studies with the Seminary at the Mother-house at Carthage, O.; Bishop Dwenger had set his heart upon the establishment of a Catholic College and Preparatory Seminary for students for the priesthood in the



Bishop Dwenger

diocese of Fort Wayne, and between the provincial and the bishop there was much in common, since the latter, at the time of his elevation to the episcopacy, was a mission priest of the community. The provincial, as his part of the undertaking, was to supply teachers and money; the bishop as the only thing he had to give, offered his farm at Rensselaer. An earlier proposition of the same kind had been made to Father Bernard Austermann, Father Henry's predecessor in office, some years before; but on account of the unattractiveness of the location itself and its poor geographic position, had been refused. The new suggestion of the bishop to Father Henry was in reality a pressing appeal which neither he nor his consultants felt able to withstand, and the 'gift' after having been long debated and much opposed, was accepted at last."

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## Jubilee Committee Named

A committee to set the date and to arrange the program for St. Joseph's Golden Jubilee celebration next spring has been named by the president of the college. The committee includes: The Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Kenkel, C.P.P.S., the Rev. Ildephonse Rapp, C.P.P.S., the Rev. Dr. Anthony Paluszak, C.P.P.S., the Rev. Dr. Walter Pax, C.P.P.S., and Edward Fischer.

## Merry Christmas

"And so as Tiny Tim observed, God bless us, everyone."—(Charles Dickens).

With these words, the faculty extends season's greetings to each former student of St. Joseph's College.

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## They Deserve Orchids

A vote of thanks from the alumni is due the national officers of the association and several other former students who have given freely of their time and money to keep speaking engagements in various parts of the midwest. Out of their own pockets, these men have paid transportation expenses and hotel bills when travelling around to outline the workings of the drive before various chapter gatherings. Those who handled a major part of the speaking assignments were: J. Henry Hipskind, J. Gordon Hagstrom, Jerre Haugh, Edmund Wills, Henry B. Froning, and the Rev. John Cogan.

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## Watch Your Deadline

CONTACT will come from the press during the first ten days of each month. The first day of the month will be deadline for the copy sent in from chapters.

Here is a suggestion: It would be better if chapter meetings were held during the latter half of the month. In that way, the time, place, and the business on hand can be announced in this alumni paper as a supplement to the chapter's own meeting notices.

The day after the meeting, someone, appointed by the chapter, should write to CONTACT telling what happened at the meeting the night before, and when, where, and why the next meeting is to be held.

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## Missionaries At St. Joseph's

Two Alumni, the Revs. Gabriel J. Brenkus, C.P.P.S., '25-'26, and the Rev. Lionel E. Pire, C.P.P.S., '13-'16, both missionaries, are now making their headquarters at St. Joseph's College. However, they are kept so busy giving missions that they are seldom seen on the campus.

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## Interesting Reading

Leaf through your alumni directory and you'll find such facts as these:

William R. Wigmore, '13-'18, is an engineer for the Gary Heat, Light & Water Company.

Harold E. Sullivan, '11-'13, lawyer, is Master in Chancery, Circuit Court, Chicago.

Owen K. Moynihan, '21-'23, is assistant superintendent, Cold Strip Mill, Whg. Steel Corp., Yorkville, O.

Edgar B. Moorman, '17-'18, is owner of the Moorman Sand and Gravel Company, Middletown, O.

M. T. Zeller, '12-'16, is an electrician for the Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Michigan City, Ind.

Clarence A. Rable, '27-'32, is a police radio operator in Sidney, O.

## THE ROUNDUP

by

Coach Joe Dienhart



TWO VICTORIES in two games is our basketball record so far this season. We won over Huntington College 74-24, and came out ahead of Illinois Wesleyan 44-33. You'll probably know the result of our game against Purdue by the time this paper reaches you.

NEAL MOSSER, the St. Joe center who



Neal Mosser

rolled up 300 points last year to win the title of highest scorer in the history of Indiana basketball, is rapidly hitting his stride. He is a former captain of St. Benedict high school, Cambridge, O.

VARSITY EXPERIENCE isn't something new for our eighteen sophs. They played a 22-game varsity schedule last season. But, starting with this season, freshmen will no longer be eligible for varsity competition at St. Joe. The freshmen ineligibility rule raises a team's standing in intercollegiate athletic relations.

NINE of last year's twelve lettermen are back to face what promises to be the toughest schedule in the college's 50-year history. As freshmen last year, these men held their own against some of the toughest varsities in the midwest by winning sixteen out of twenty-two games.

BERNIE HOFFMAN, the most aggressive



Bernie Hoffman

man on the team, is worth watching. Urban Pfeffer and Mauri Gutsell are always ready for action. Hoffman, Pfeffer, and Gutsell are all three former captains of Jasper (Ind.) high school. Fifteen members of our 20-man squad are former high school captains.

DON'T UNDERSELL Jim Boedcker, former captain of Central Catholic, Fort Wayne, when that team won state and national Catholic championships in '39. He's smooth with a capital S.

THE FIELDHOUSE dedication, as you know, has been postponed from Dec. 19 to an indefinite date. Anyway, here are the games that we will play before the next issue of CONTACT: Dec. 6, Purdue University, at Lafayette; Dec. 12, Illinois Normal, at Rensselaer; Dec. 14, University of Dayton, at Dayton, O.; Jan. 6, University of Toledo, at Toledo, O.; Jan. 13, Illinois Wesleyan, at



# Editor Quotes Priest's History Of Military

## ST. JOE STUDENTS FELT FIRST DRAFT IN FALL OF '92

(Editor's Note: The following paragraphs about St. Joseph's Military organization are taken from a history of the college written in 1916 by the Rev. William D. Sullivan, '92-'97. Father Sullivan, pastor at Crawfordsville, Ind., died February 17, 1937.)

To Lawrence Eberle belongs the distinction of being the original apostle of preparedness. The rudiments of his military training had been acquired the year before at our neighbors, St. Viator College, across the state line; and the fever was strong in him. Lacking else to do, his companions readily adopted his suggestion to arm if not to fight, and armed they forthwith were.

The faculty, perceiving the great advantage of the drills, encouraged the students to form a permanent organization. This was done in November, 1892, under the name of the Seifert Light Guards.

The officers elected were:: Chaplain, Rev. Benedict Boebner; Major, John F. Cogan; Adjutant, Thomas M. Conroy; Captain, Lawrence A. Eberle; First Lieutenant, James J. Betsner; Second Lieutenant, Leo. J. Gross; First Sergeant, Henry E. Gerard; Second Sergeant, James B. Fitzpatrick; Color-Bearer, Basil A. Didier; Drummers, Ambrose J. Siemetz, Godfrey Buehrer.

The last three named were Community students. At no time were the boys from Xavier's enrolled in the ranks. The numerical strength of the organization was thirty-three. A second company, Company B, was formed the year after; and from the two were selected the Boebner Columbian Guards, for special maneuvers and fancy drill.

A cadet cap was the only uniform at first; the accoutrements, old U. S. Springfield rifles of the design of 1864 with bayonet attachment. Drills were held twice a week in a brick shed occupying the present site of the Sisters' house and kitchen. The building had just been erected for a laundry, but the equipment not having been installed, it was utilized as an armory until the completion of the addition to the College, when the soldiers moved into their permanent quarters in

## THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT A SOLDIER



This photo of the Boebner Columbian Guards appeared in the 1895-96 college catalog. The guard was made up of hand-picked members of the St. Joseph Battalion. To quote from the catalog: "In reorganizing the Battalion at the beginning of the year it was deemed expedient to form a squad of select men for the purpose of rendering display and exhibition drills. All the members are handsomely uniformed, and their soldierly appearance and manly bearing has repeatedly been commented upon in very flattering terms. Power's Display Drill is used in the course of instruction."

## Alumni Directory Rolls Back Years

If you want to roll back the years, on one of these cold winter nights, start looking through your alumni directory. You'll find out that High Pockets is a big business man; Shorty lives out west, and that some of the boys you once knew are long gone. Here's a sample of the things you'll run across:

John F. Paulo, '25-'26, is president of the Cleveland Sanitary Products Company.

J. Ward Penny, '32-'35, is foreman for the Estherville Packing Company, Estherville, Iowa.

James S. Ryan, '14-'16, is a claim adjuster for the State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Company of Illinois, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Norbert Schuck, '18-'22, of Ludlow, Ky., is an analytical research chemist for Procter and Gamble.

Gerald A. Shaffer, '23-'26, is

## Seven Alumni Live In Elwood

ELWOOD, IND.—Seven St. Joe alumni live in this town that gained world-wide recognition over night, last summer. They are: Daniel Brown, '25-'27; Sheridan Clyde, '13-'16; Louis Diamond, '23-'25; Paul Fettig, '10-'11; Rev. Nicholas Huemmer, '07-'12; Raymond E. Leonard, '28-'33; Edward O'Brien, '20-'24.

Pharmical Company.

The Rev. James Snead, '28-'29, is an assistant pastor in Anchorage, Alaska.

William Kaiser, '33-'35, is a formation flight instructor at Maxwell Field, Ala.

Paul J. Fettig, '10-'11, owns the Fettig Canning Company, Elwood, Ind.

John A. Ciesco, '22-'23' is an insurance broker, in Whiting, Ind.

Leonard Cloys, '27-'30, who lives

## FIELDHOUSE FUND PASSES \$16,000 MARK

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Dirksen said:

"No one besides Mr. Fischer and myself sees the incoming pledge cards. No other alumni, except the national officers, have a right to see them. In that way, no one should think that he will be criticized by a fellow alumnus because of the size of his donation.

"In my talks to the alumni chapters, I have repeatedly stressed the idea that this drive will be successful if each alumnus contributes in some way."

ham, Alabama, is a storekeeper.

Anthony J. Mancz, '22-'24, is a salesman for Armour and Company, in Akron, O.

Norbert S. Lambert, '12-'16, is office manager for the Neuces Transporation Company, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Joseph G. Kraft, '07-'09, is an



## Colonels Hit Idea, Yowsah, States Gannon

LOUISVILLE.—“The meeting at 8 p. m., December 19, in the Madrid Rathskeller, at Third and Guthrie, should be a humdinger, judging from the enthusiasm and attendance at our last gathering,” said Frank Gannon, '28-'34, president of the Louisville Chapter.

“We got an idea, tried it, and I think we really hit our stride with it. Here's what we did:

“Our strictly stag meetings weren't bringing in enough attendance to suit us; so we sent out a letter inviting the wives and girl friends. It worked!

“We held a business meeting at which we discussed our scholarship fund and the fieldhouse drive. We decided to make the third Thursday of every month our regular meeting night. We organized four teams with five men to a team. They are to put on a special attendance drive. A prize will be given to the winning team.

“The business discussions were followed by a social gathering. We had two kegs of beer and a case of coca cola. Of course, everyone down here south of the border is always dry.

“First on the entertainment program was the showing of 150 feet of movie taken Homecoming day by Larry Bloemer and Jim Thornbury. Some of the scenes were a revelation to most of us. Naturally everyone was very enthusiastic about the progress made at St. Joe.

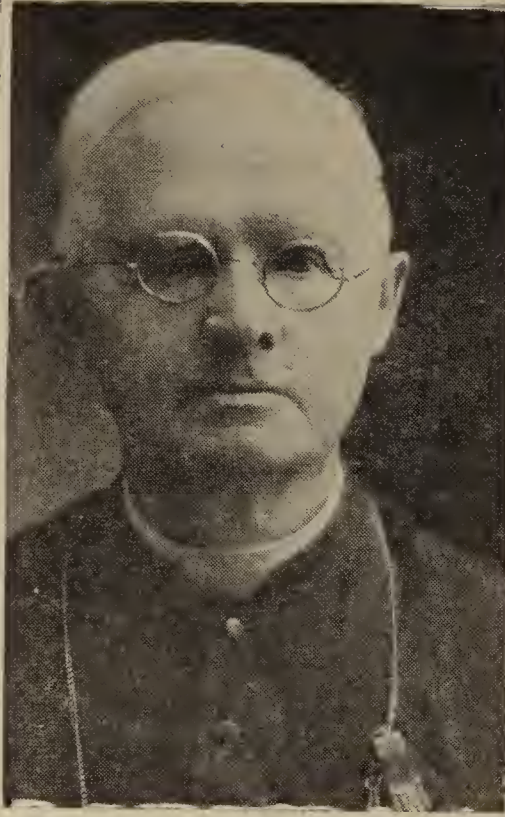
“Following the movie, bridge, and pinochle were played with cards provided by the chapter. It was a thrill to observe how much fun everyone was having. It was after 1 a. m. when I turned out the lights and left the place. Such gatherings, I am sure, will enable us to accomplish a great deal towards a better organized club.”

## PURDUE WINS 42-35 OVER ST. JOE PUMAS

LAFAYETTE.—The St. Joe College Pumas gave Purdue a scare, Friday night, when they forced the Boilermakers to work up forty minutes of full steam in order to pull a 42-35 victory out of the fire.

The Pumas lead through most of the first half, and closed the period with a 13-12 edge on the Boilermakers. In the second

## OLD TIMER



THE REV. AUGUST SEIFERT

The Golden Jubilee year wouldn't be complete without a picture of the Rev. August Seifert, C.P.P.S., in an issue of **CONTACT**. The memory of the founder and first president of St. Joseph's is still kept green on the campus by the men who knew him. When those men have gone on, however, the memory of Father Seifert will linger, because a hall named in his honor now stands on the campus, and in front of the hall is a statue of him. The statue, dedicated Homecoming Day, was donated by Fred and Henry Hipskind and A. M. Strauss, Fort Wayne architect.

## Cincinnati Names Fund Solicitors

CINCINNATI.—Arnold Hackman, '24-'25, president of the local chapter, has reported fieldhouse drive activities in his area.

The Rev. John F. Cogan, of Hamilton, is contacting members in his territory. The Rev. John Byrne, of Chillicothe, has volunteered his services for that locality.

The Revs. Thomas Coleman and Harry Schaeffer are contacting the clergy in and around Cincinnati, while the following members are taking care of the laymen: Carl Burns, Ed Gruber, James O'Brien, A. A. Hackman, Joseph Ratterman, Norbert Schuck, and Ed Hoelker.

Half, Purdue was leading 34-19 when the Pumas started to stage a comeback. The game ended with St. Joe rapidly whittling down the Riveters' lead.

## Cook County President Knocks "D" Off Of Fund—Gets Fun

CHICAGO.—“We have started on a new system for our Fieldhouse Fund meetings, and I think we're on the right track,” said F. C. Quirk, '21-'23, president of the Cook County Chapter.

“We have divided the 209 names on our membership list into three groups, according to the years spent at St. Joe. They are: 1891-1920, 1921-1930, 1931-1940.

“We have been meeting as to groups rather than as a whole chapter. We discuss the drive and the dinner at the gatherings.

“Incidentally, we are planning a dinner for January 2, in the Hotel Sherman. It's going to be a honey. We're going to have celebrities as speakers; students as guests, and at least a hundred alumni as hosts. I feel certain that anyone who attended the dinner last year won't miss this one.

“At our group meetings we select certain men to visit members of their class. I think that's good psychology. I know I'd be more interested if I were contacted by a classmate, than if a fellow I hardly knew came to see me about the drive.

“Here's one phase of this alumni work I've never heard mentioned and I think it's very important:

you can sum it all up in one word—FUN!

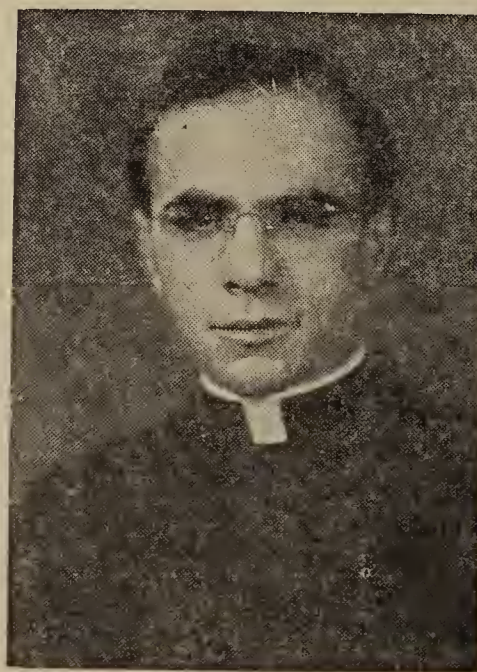
“We've probably never had more fun than we had at St. Joe. I've spent a lot of time trying to find something to take the place of fun, but by heck I can't. My biggest times are when I can go to a chapter meeting to shoot the breeze with classmates like Sieben and Hagstrom. I like to swap yarns with old timers like Pauley, Reif and Doc Barth, or feed a line to some of the younger fellows like Grieshaber and Anderson.

“You know, after fighting the battles of the business world day after day, a fellow has to relax a little now and then. I can't think of a better place to blow off steam than at an alumni chapter meeting. It's just like being a kid again back in Cob's dorm.

“This drive will bring us all closer together. It won't be nearly so valuable from the financial standpoint as it will be from the spirit that it will instill. We will consider the fieldhouse back on the campus as a monument to one another.

“And speaking of fun, I want to invite ever alumnus to attend our dinner January 2. It will be just like the old refectory days with a perfect and everything.”

## YOUNGSTER



REV. DOMINIC ALTIERI

One of the youngest alumni among the clergy, the Rev. Dominic Altieri, '28-'34, was recently transferred from assistant at St. Philip Neri Church, Louisville, to assistant at the Old Cathedral, Bardstown. The “youngster” gives promise of developing into one of the greatest speakers in the diocese of Louisville.

## Delphos Requests More Pledge Cards

R. H. Stallkamp, '06-'08, president of the Delphos Chapter, sends in the following story:

“Otto Birkmeier, '06-'09, contacted a friend of his and received a \$10.00 pledge. The friend, not an alumnus and not a Catholic, said, ‘I would have felt bad, if I hadn't been approached.’”

Mr. Stallkamp observed that “this is proof that you can't be sure of who will give or not give unless you make contacts.” He closed his letter by asking for another pad of pledge blanks.

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